

**MINUTES OF THE 84th MEETING OF THE
PRINTING INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held on 22nd May 2008 at**

Chesapeake Packaging, Phoenix Park, Nottingham

Present

James Barrett
Tim Small
Phillip Adams
David Hoy
Simon Lunken
Bud Hudspith
Elaine Campling
Paul Machin
Paul Larkin
Gary Marshall
Mick McGilly
Ian Hobson
Wendie Drammeh

Representing

HSE – PIAC Chair
HSE – Committee Secretary
BPIF Chesapeake
Trinity Mirror
BPIF
UNITE
British Coatings Federation
PICON and Screen Print Association
The Newspaper Society
BPIF Polestar
Newspaper Publishers Association
HSE – Manufacturing Sector
HSE - Minutes Secretary

APOLOGIES

Stuart Eaves - UNITE

SPEAKER

Rob Olsen – HSE Business
Involvement Unit.

Summary of actions agreed:

	<u>Action:</u>	<u>Done by:</u>
1.	(Min 3.3) Mr Hudspith agreed to obtain more information on ink fly from German BG.	<u>Next Meeting</u>
2.	(Min 4.2) Mr Hobson agreed to give an update at the next meeting on the progress of ARC, the new MAC Tool	Next Meeting
3.	(Min 5.2) The Chairman to e-mail members the Ceramics Industry's Toolbox Talk.	With Minutes
4.	(Min 5.2) Members to e-mail Mr Small with feed-back on events and activities they have held.	Ongoing
5.	(Min 6.1) Mr Olsen to send Mrs Drammeh a website link for more information on Corporate Manslaughter Legislation and Leadership Action for Directors.	30 th May 2008

6.	(Min 7.2) Mrs Drammeh to send members details of the BERR website which explains writing impact assessments. A web-link is attached to these minutes.	With minutes
7.	(Min 7.3) Mr Hudspith agreed to send Board paper on the future of IACS to members.	ASAP
8.	(Min 7.4) Members to send Mr Small ideas for future plan of work.	ASAP
9.	(Min 8.4) Mr Hudspith to send details of UV Technology Book for distribution to members.	30 th June 2008
10.	(Min 9.1) Members agreed to send details of venues for Open Meeting to Mrs Drammeh.	By 30 th June 2008

1.0 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Chairman thanked Phillip Adams & Chesapeake for hosting the meeting. He welcomed Simon Lunken from BPIF who is replacing Dale Wallis on the Committee and Elaine Campling who is replacing Dave Blanchard from the British Coatings Federation. He also welcomed Rob Olsen, HSE speaker on item 6.

2.0 APOLOGIES

2.1 Stuart Eaves.

3.0 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes from Meeting 83 were agreed.

3.1 **(Min 1.1)** Work plan progress to be an agenda item at the next PIAC meeting. This was discussed at agenda item 7.

3.2 **(Min 3.5) Mr Hobson** to re-send link for Folder Gluer Machines from CPI website to members. Item discharged.

3.3 **(Min 3.8) Mr Hobson** to update members on proposal to withdraw MDHS48 at next meeting. Members had agreed at the last meeting that the publication was obsolete and Mr Hobson re-capped why the publication was to be withdrawn for the benefit of those who had not attended the last meeting. Mr Hudspith spoke about advanced work that German BG had been doing on ink fly and how they were trying to set a measure for it. Mr Hudspith agreed to obtain more information from German BG.

3.4 **(Min 4.1) Mr Hudspith** to copy Mr Hobson into e-mails he sent out to Chapels promoting the HSE WRULD campaign. Item discharged.

3.5 **(Min 4.1) Mr Hudspith** to send Mr Hobson feedback he received from Chapels on the WRULD campaign to include in HSE's quarterly report.

Item discharged.

- 3.6 (Min 4.4) Mrs Drammeh** to send Mr Hudspith's presentation to members. Item discharged.
- 3.7 (Min 5.1) Mr Hobson** to e-mail the printing & publishing accident statistics presentation to members. Item discharged.
- 3.8 (Min 7.0) Mr Small** to send a bullet point document to members outlining main points of the LEV training course he had attended. A draft 'Sector Information Minute' (SIM) covering this issue is available and was attached to the minutes for meeting 83. Item discharged.
- 3.9 (Min 7.0) Mr Small** to send web link to the new HSE web page on LEV as soon as it launches. Item discharged.
- 4.0 Feedback of Stakeholder Activities in Support of HSE's WRULD Campaign 2008.**
- 4.1** Mr Machin said he had written an article for Flexotech Magazine on WRULD's which, according to the magazine's editor, was well received. Mr Hoy said that although WRULD's are not a big problem in the newspaper industry they had held a toolbox talk briefing that had been well received.
- 4.2** A discussion took place on ARC, the WRULD MAC Tool, which was being developed and tested by HSE. Mr Hobson said the Tool was more sophisticated than the original MAC Tool and was still being trialled extensively before being rolled out. Mr Hobson agreed to give an update at the next meeting on the current position of the new Tool.
- 5.0 Feedback of Stakeholder Activities in support of HSE's Slips, Trips & Falls Campaign 2008.**
- 5.1** The Shattered Lives Campaign had had very good feedback and HSE proposed to re-run it in the autumn. Mr McGilly said the Campaign had made his organisation focus on slips & trips issues. Mr Hudspith said he and his union had always been aware of the importance of preventing slips and trips and referred to the 'Going Bananas' Campaign they held a few years ago.
- 5.2** The Chairman noted the Ceramics Industry have a Toolbox Talk and agreed to circulate this document to members. The Chairman asked members to e-mail Mr Small with any feedback on events and activities they have carried out in support of HSE's Campaigns.
- 6.0 New Corporate Manslaughter Legislation & Leadership Action for Directors & Board Members**
- 6.1** Mr Olsen gave a presentation on Corporate Manslaughter & Leadership Action for Directors and Board Members. Members were given print outs of the presentation.
- Mr Olsen agreed to send a website link to Mrs Drammeh for members to access further detail on the Legislation.

6.2 A discussion took place on the importance of the Legislation. Mr Machin spoke about how the Construction Industry in particular takes this legislation very seriously. Mr Adams suggested negligent Directors should have to take compulsory refresher health & safety training, similar to the compulsory training drivers for drivers caught speeding. The Chairman said this was an excellent suggestion. Mr Hudspith said more imaginable penalties should be handed out to stop deaths and accidents in the workplace. Mr Lunken said he has had approaches from a number of BPIF member companies to give presentations on this Legislation - in his experience companies were taking the matter very seriously indeed.

7.0 PIAC Workplan 2005-2008

7.1 Mr Hobson gave a broad summary of the projects that were in the workplan including:

- The Health & Safety Packs for printers.
4,000 copies were printed and now only about 40 copies remain.
- MSD – WRULD’s and Manual Handling.
HSL were commissioned to do a study for WRULD’s and found print finishing areas were the ‘hot spots’. Manual Handling videos were sourced and are now on the Printing Website.
- Slips & Trips.
A new module is now on the printing website. The printing industry is the only industry with a reduction in slips and trips accidents.
- Machinery Accidents
Printing presses cause the most accidents.
- Dermatitis
A new leaflet was produced and a new website was launched. Skin care posters were designed and produced which have now been modified for other industries to use.

7.2 Mr Small noted that a great deal of the credit for the success and completion of the Workplan went to Mr Hobson whose work had helped raise awareness and understanding of health & safety in the printing industry.

7.3 Mr Small explained how HSE had changed over the past 3 years and how the Manufacturing Sector now has less control over what inspectors in the field can do for individual industries. Writing guidance is now much less straightforward - Impact Assessments setting out the costs and benefits to industry are required and must be given the green-light by HSE’s Economists. Mr Small explained the intricacies of impact assessments and Mrs Drammeh agreed to send details of the BERR website where the criteria and details for writing guidance, is listed. Details below:

<http://www.berr.gov.uk/bre/policy/scrutinising-new-regulations/preparing-impact-assessments/toolkit/page44230.html>

Mr Hoy said that while he had no disagreement with the requirement for

HSE to carry out a regulatory impact assessment on all new legislation, in his view it was quite ridiculous for the organisation to be hamstrung by such a requirement in relation to guidance to legislation. He noted that one of HSE's great successes in recent years has been the improvement in the quality of its guidance which superbly illustrates to companies of all sizes the practical measures necessary to meet legal standards. Given the fact that much of HSE's guidance is now made freely available and accessible via the Internet and web-based information service providers he felt it was totally unnecessary to introduce such a requirement.

7.4 Mr Hudspith spoke about a recent HSE Board Meeting where a Paper was presented on the future of Industrial Advisory Committees. The paper was rejected by the Board and was to be re-written. Mr Hudspith agreed to distribute the Paper to members prior to a Stakeholder Forum being held on 20th June. A discussion was held on the future of PIAC. Members felt it was vital for meetings like this one to be held as HSE needed the experience and expertise of the members of the Committee.

Mr Hudspith voiced his concern that Standing Committees for the printing industry no longer existed, giving the example of the ink fly issue and how it would in the past have been debated at the Chemical Standing Committee and said the main PIAC meetings did not give sufficient time for proper debate. He said HSE's Board appeared blind to the power that HSE and its logo have and that the IAC Committees value HSE's corporate image more than HSE does itself.

Mr Marshall suggested one issue that should be considered in any future work plan for PIAC was the increasingly rapid spread of digital printing technology. He noted this is beginning to be seen in hitherto non-printing related premises, such as supermarkets. This sort of facility would increasingly take on small, limited print runs. One possible consequence of this would be risks transferring from a traditional industrial environment to non-industrial ones, used by members of the public. However, at this stage it is not clear how any risks will actually manifest themselves.

7.5 The Chairman asked members to send any thoughts they had on the Committee and ideas for the workplan to Mr Small for consideration.

8.0 **AOB**

8.1 **Hand Fed Platen Fatality**

Mr Hobson spoke about a fatality that had occurred on a hand fed platen at a printing company in Wakefield. Mr Hobson explained how specific information on the accident could not be given at present as it was subject to police primacy. Mr Hudspith expressed his agitation that HSE had not let PIAC Members have more information on this accident and others that had occurred over the last few years.

Mr Small explained how difficult it was to release information about accidents, particularly those which involved fatalities, whilst there is an ongoing investigation and before the Coroner's inquest has been held.

This is likely to become more difficult in the future as the new Corporate Manslaughter legislation is likely to mean much greater scrutiny of work-related deaths by the Police, who may retain primacy for much longer before handing matters over to HSE. Where the Police have primacy, this adds a further level of complexity to issuing any press release as they will need to give their assent, as happened in this case. The Police are likely to be similarly as cautious as HSE about releasing any information which could prejudice possible enforcement action.

Mr Hudspith said he would take the matter up with Lord McKenzie at his next opportunity.

8.2 Updating Safe Guide for Newspaper Deliverers – Paul Larkin

Mr Larkin spoke about the Newspaper Society's proposals to update this document which he hopes to bring to PIAC for their approval.

8.3 Mesothelioma and Asbestos Claims

Mr Marshall asked how industry is responding to the increase in cases of this disease. The Chairman suggested having this topic on the agenda at the next meeting.

8.4 UV Technology Book

Mr Hudspith explained how this book was currently available and agreed to send Mrs Drammeh details of the book for distribution to members.

8.5 Mr Hoy spoke about health & safety software that Trinity Mirror have been piloting. A brief discussion took place on software products available to assist in health & safety matters. He agreed to report back to PIAC on the software package once Trinity Mirror had used it.

9.0 Dates of Next Meetings

9.1 • 16th October 2008 – Open Meeting in Oxford/Cambridge area.

Members agreed to source venues and send details to Mrs Drammeh

• 5th February 2009 – Chesapeake Packaging, Nottingham

• 11th June 2009 – HSE's Nottingham Office